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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Mossville, Peoria County, Illinois

Owner. Mr. S. C. Neal for Methodist Episcopal Church.

Date of Erection. 1869.

Architect. Unknown.

Builder. James Hazzard & Son, Peoria, Illinois.

Present Condition. The church stands as originally constructed, except for the addition of a frame vestibule at the entrance, and a small excavation for a furnace under the southwest corner of the building.

Number of Stories. One.

Materials of Construction. The walls and foundation are $13\frac{1}{2}$ " brick masonry. The floor and joists are supported by a brick wall, running the length of the building through the center. The floor joists are 2" x 8" oak, eighteen inches on centers. The interior trim and flooring is white pine, the floor boards being 1" x 5" tongue and grooved. The ceiling is beaded yellow pine. The interior is finished with white pine wainscoting, extending from the floor to the height of the window stools. Above that the walls are plaster, painted.

The roof is supported by heavy oak timbers in skeleton form, namely 6" x 8" pieces resting on 8" x 10"'s. The joints are mortised and tenoned and held in place by oak dowels. The rafters are 2" x 4" oak, two feet on centers.

The sheathing is 1" x 6" rough oak boards, covered by wood shingles.

Other Existing Records. None.

Additional Data. This church was erected through the united efforts of the church loving people of Mossville, comprised mostly of Presbyterians. The original cost of the building was \$2,600, and it has a seating capacity of about two hundred persons.

About 1875, most of the Presbyterians moved west to Alta, using the proceeds from the sale of this building to erect a new one at the new location. This church in Mossville has since been used by the Methodists.

Reference: History of Peoria County, Vol. I.
J. M. Rice. 1912.

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